

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A composition for forming a fabric by spraying onto a supporting surface, the composition comprising fibers, a binder and a diluent.
- 5 2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder is a polymer.
3. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder has a glass transition temperature (T_g) of at least 15°C, ~~preferably at least 20°C, more preferably at least 30°C.~~
- 10 4. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the binder has a glass transition temperature of not more than 200°C, ~~preferably not more than 150°C and more preferably not more than 100°C.~~
- 15 5. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder has a molecular weight of from 15 000 to 200 000, ~~preferably from 50 000 to 150 000.~~
6. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the binder is selected from the group consisting of: poly vinylacetate, poly vinylbutyrate, natural latex, and poly vinylalcohol.
- 20 7. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein at least 80% of the fibers have a length of at least 0.02mm.
- 25 8. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein at least 80% of the fibers have a length not more than 10mm, ~~preferably not more than 5mm, more preferably not more than 1mm, still more preferably not more than 0.5mm, even more preferably not more than 0.25mm, most preferably not more than 0.15mm.~~
- 30 9. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein substantially all the fibers have a length in the range 0.02 to 0.15mm.
10. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the fibers comprise at least 40%, ~~preferably at least 60%, more preferably at least 80%, most preferably at least 90%~~ polymeric fibers.
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11. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of fibers: binder is in the range 5: 1 to 1: 5, ~~preferably 3:1 to 1: 3, more preferably 2: 1 to 1: 2, more preferably 1.5: 1 to 1: 1.5.~~
- 5 12. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is selected from the group consisting of: water, C 1 to 12 alcohols, ketones ~~or~~ and esters, ~~preferably C 1 to 6 alcohols, ketones or esters.~~
- 10 13. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is selected from the group consisting of: methanol, ethanol, butanol, acetone, ethyl acetate and water.
14. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the diluent is non-toxic.
- 15 15. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one agent selected from the group consisting of: adhesive, dye, physiologically active ingredient, fragrance, powder, oil, emulsifying agent and propellant.
- 20 16. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition has a viscosity in the range 10 mPas to 10 Pas, ~~preferably in the range 100 mPas to 1 Pas.~~
- 25 17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising a container containing the composition according to claim 1 and a device capable of producing a spray of the composition from the container.
- 30 18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the device capable of producing a spray has a nozzle with a diameter of 0.05 to 2mm; ~~preferably 0.1 to 1 mm.~~
- 35 19. (Previously Presented) A non-woven fabric produced by spraying a composition according to claim 1, wherein the fabric comprises a solid binder and fibers bound by the binder.

20. (Previously Presented) A fabric according to claim 19, wherein the fibers lie substantially in parallel with the plane of the fabric.
21. (Previously Presented) A fabric according to claim 19, wherein the fibers in the
5 fabric are conjugated and are longer than the fibers in the composition.
22. (Currently Amended) A fabric according to claim 21, wherein the conjugated fibers are at least 1mm, ~~preferably at least 2mm, more preferably at least 5mm, still more preferably at least 10mm, even more preferably at least 20mm, yet more~~
10 ~~preferably about 50mm in length.~~
23. (Previously Presented) An article comprising a non-woven fabric according to claim 19.
- 15 24. (Currently Amended) An article according to claim 23, wherein the article is selected from the group consisting of: a piece of clothing, furniture ~~or~~ and millinery item.
25. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a non-woven fabric comprising
20 a) placing a composition according to claim 1, in a container device capable of producing a spray, and
b) spraying the composition from a spray point on the device onto a supporting surface wherein substantially all of the diluent evaporates before the composition reaches the supporting surface thereby forming a non-woven fabric on
25 the supporting surface.
26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein the device capable of producing a spray has a nozzle with an internal diameter of 1.05 to 2mm; ~~preferably 0.1 to 1mm.~~
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27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein conjugated fibers form during step b) so that the average length of fibers in the formed non-woven fabric is greater than the average length of fibers in the sprayed composition.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the spray formed in step b) is a fine spray with droplet size of less than 1mm.

5 29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25, wherein the distance between the spray point and the supporting surface is greater than 10cm, preferably ~~greater than 30cm.~~

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the non-woven fabric is easily separated from the supporting surface.